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SUBJECT: FISH CULTURE AND PEACE CORPS

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- 1. PER REFTEL, I HAVE DEFERRED SENDING LETTER
 TO SECGEN RENZAHO EXPRESSING DISPLEASURE OVER GOR
 DECISION RE PEACE CORPS AND FISH CULTURE. I DO NOT
 BELIEVE SUBJECT IS QUITE AS EMOTIONAL WITH GOR AS
 SUGGESTED REFTEL, BUT I AGREE LETTER WOULD NOT RPT NOT HAVE
 HELPED COOL THINGS DOWN
- 2. MEANWHILE, AID/KIGALI HAS RESPONDED TO LATEST GOR FISH CULTURE NOTE BY OFFERING TO DISCUSS FURTHER THE POSSIBILITY OF AN "EXPERIMENTAL FIRST PHASE" UTILIZING FUNDS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE. USAID NOTE RECORDS OUR BLIEF THAT GOR VERSION FISH CULTURE PROJECT "ACCORDS INSUFFICIENT ATTENTION TO FARMER TRAINING AND EXTENSION FOR WHICH A GREAT DEAL OF APPROPRIATE LEVEL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IS REQUIRED, AND CONCENTRATES EXCLUSIVELY UPON THE CONSTRUCTION OF FISH BREEDING CENTERS." HOWEVER, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IT KEEPS DOOR OPEN TO EVENTUAL AGREEMENT ON FISH CULTURE PROJECT OF SOME SORT, WITH OR WITHOUT PCV'S.

3. COMMENT: WHILE NOT VERY OPTIMISITIC THAT AN AGREE-MENT CAN BE SIGNED BEFORE FISCAL-YEAR CURTAIN RINGS DOWN AGAIN, WE ARE FORECLOSING ANY POSSIBILITIES. IT'S JUST CONCEIVABLE THAT GOR MIGHT GO FOR "EXPERIMENTAL" APPROACH THIS TIME, PERHAPS ONE USING TWO TO THREE EXPCV'S AS PROJECT TECHNICIANS, AND THUS GIVE US
BREATHING SPACE DURING WHICH OUTLINE OF NATIONAL-SCALE
PROJECT CAN BE REVAMPED -- AND DURING WHICH PERHAPS
GOR CAN BE MADE TO UNDERSTAND BETTER WHAT PCV'S REALLY
ARE AND WHAT THEY HAVE TO OFFER TO RWANDAN DEVELOPMENT,
IN FISH CULTURE AND OTHERWISHE.
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